MORNIN' KURUSU.
THAT'S JAPAN OUT THERE, RIGHT?
THAT WOULD MEAN IT'S NOT EXACTLY THE TIME FOR "GOOD MORNING" NOW, IS IT.
DOESN'T MATTER, I JUST WOKE UP.
AND WHO'S THAT PERSON?
OKABE RINTAROU.
ONE OF THE STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN THE SEMINAR EARLIER.
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, OKABE.

VIRTUAL IMAGE ②

ART: TORII YASAYUKI
ORIGINAL STORY: SHIKURA CHIYOMARU
ORIGINAL NOVEL: TAKIMOTO MASASHI
ORIGINAL DESIGNS: HUKE
SUPERVISOR: HAYASHI NAOTAKA (5PB.)

I'M MAKISE KURISU.
IT'S A PLEASURE.
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I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU'RE A NEURO-SCIENTIST TOO, RIGHT?
AH.
YEAH, Y-YOU TOO.
I THOUGHT I WAS PREPARED.

THE GIRL RIGHT HERE
IS NOT THE KURISU I SPENT THOSE THREE WEEKS WITH.

HE'S NOT A NEURO-SCIENTIST.
STILL, HE SEEMS TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN OUR RESEARCH.
THE PROFESSOR SEEMS QUITE FOND OF HIM AS WELL.
HE MIGHT JUST BECOME MY ASSISTANT!
EH?

!
AAH... SORRY.
YOU OKAY?
.....

UM, MAHO...
WHAT IS IT?
CAN WE TALK FOR A MOMENT?
WHISPER
WHISPER

WHAT!? NO WAY!
HEY, SPEAK TO THIS CLUNKY OLD SYSTEM ALREADY!!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO FLUSTERED, YOU MAKE A NICE COUPLE.
I'M NOT FLUSTERED!

GUESS SOMEONE WANTS A VIRUS PUNCHED IN, HUH?
LOOK AT HOW MAD YOU GOT, THAT ONLY MEANS I WAS RI-
WHAT AN UNREAL SYSTEM THIS IS...
ITS LIKE THE REAL KURISU IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME

WHEN SHE WAS STILL AT THE RESEARCH FACILITY
THEYD HAVE THESE TALKS EVERY DAY, HUH

I WONDER IF "AMADEUS" LURKS @CHANNEL ONCE IN A WHILE...
SORRY FOR THE RUCKUS.
SO OKABE, DO YOU WANT TO TALK TO THIS DEMON?
YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO CALL ME THAT
COME AT ME WITH ANYTHING, OKABE.
I'LL ANSWER WHENEVER POSSIBLE
SURE...
WELL THEN...
HOW ABOUT...

DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE TO BUILD A TIME MACHINE?
EH?
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HM... WHAT DO YOU SAY, KURISU?
AH, YOU KNOW...
LET'S SEE...

STARTING AT THE CONCLUSION,
A TIME MACHINE IS "UNREALISTIC"
BUT...
I WON'T SAY IT'S "IMPOSSIBLE".
!
HER THOUGHTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE KURISU IN THE ALPHA WORLD LINE?
BACK THEN SHE SAID
I...
"I THINK THAT THE IDEA IS NONSENSE".

THAT'S A PRETTY QUICK DECISION THERE, OKABE.
IS THAT SO? MANY SCIENTISTS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE CREATED TIME TRAVEL THEORIES, BUT
NONE OF THEM ARE MORE THAN HYPOTHESIS.
IN ADDITION, THE 11 THEORIES OUT THERE HAVE DIFFERENT PREMISES AND EVEN CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT.
YES, BUT STILL,
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE "SOMETHING" HAS YET TO BE DISCOVERED, ISN'T IT?
THERE'S STRING THEORY AND THE EXOTIC THEORY – BOTH ARE NOT REALISTIC, BUT
WE STILL CAN'T PROVE THEM WRONG YET.
SO YOU SAY...

THAT SOME DAY, WE COULD BE ABLE TO BUILD A TIME MACHINE?
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I TOLD YOU,
IT'S NOT "IMPOSSIBLE".
HIYAJOU,
"SHE" IS AWARE THAT SHE IS BOOTED FROM MEMORY DATA, RIGHT?
OF COURSE.

SO THAT MEANS JUST LIKE IDENTICAL TWINS, THEY CAN BE EXACTLY THE SAME AT THE START,
SHE CAN STILL HAVE DIFFERING THOUGHTS FROM THE ORIGINAL PERSON, RIGHT?
WE'RE STILL RESEARCHING THIS.
IF THE SURROUNDINGS AND EXPERIENCES DIFFER, OF COURSE
SHE COULD BECOME "SOMEONE ELSE"--
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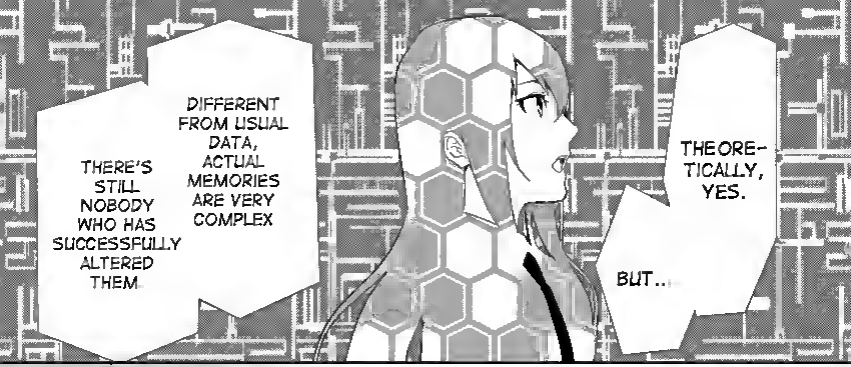
THAT'S WHAT THE PROFESSOR AND I BELIEVE.
HER BELIEFS ON TIME MACHINES ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT
...BECAUSE THIS IS THE BETA WORLD LINE?
OR...

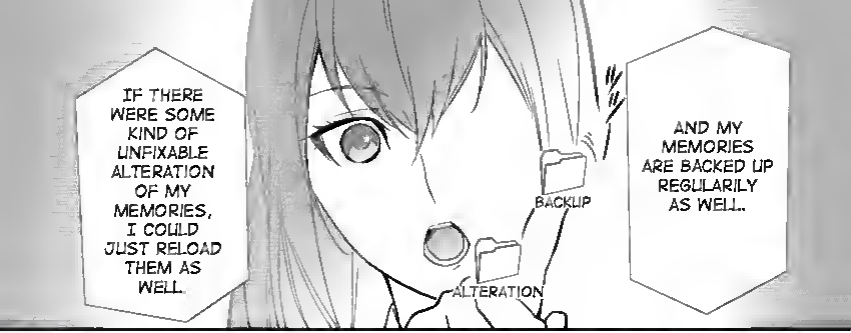
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
THOSE BIG FOOTSTEPS CAN BE NO OTHER THAN
RINTAAAAROU!
Hey boy, what's up?
EH,
AH.
I'M FINE THANKYOU, AND YOU!?
THAT'S SOME TERRIBLE ENGLISH, OKABE

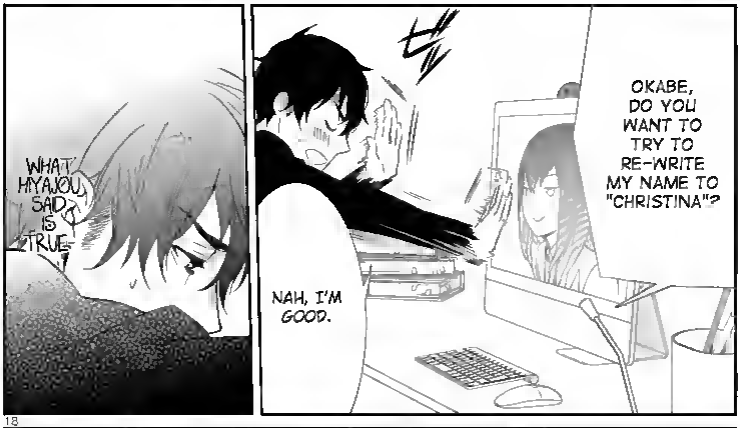
B-
BE SILENT, CHRISTIIII
WITH ENGLISH THAT POOR Y-
...NA...

CHRISTINA?! IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE ME?!
AH, NEVER MIND THAT!
I DO MIND!!
SO YOU CALLED HER CHRISTINA...
YOU TOO, DON'T ASK!
ANYWAY, THERE'S STILL SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK
TELL ME ABOUT THAT CHRISTINA THING FIRST...
DAMN IT!
IS THERE ANY WAY SOMEONE COULD FAKE YOUR MEMORIES?


THEORETICALLY, YES.
BUT...
DIFFERENT FROM USUAL DATA, ACTUAL MEMORIES ARE VERY COMPLEX
THERE'S STILL NOBODY WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED THEM.

ALSO, I HAVE A BACKUP THAT NOBODY CAN ACCESS.
Diary
JUST LIKE A "SECRET DIARY".
EVEN IF YOU WERE TO REWRITE ME, I CAN CATCH ONTO THAT MYSELF AND JUST FIX IT.


IF THERE WERE SOME KIND OF UNFIXABLE ALTERATION OF MY MEMORIES, I COULD JUST RELOAD THEM AS WELL.
BACKUP
ALTERATION
AND MY MEMORIES ARE BACKED UP REGULARLY AS WELL..


WHAT MIYAJOU SAID IS TRUE
NAH, I'M GOOD.
OKABE, DO YOU WANT TO TRY TO RE-WRITE MY NAME TO "CHRISTINA"?

SHE'S JUST LIKE THE KURISU I KNOW
SO PASSIONATE ABOUT SCIENCE.

HUMANS THEMSELVES TALK ABOUT HUMANS IN TERMS OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE WITH MEDICINE AND PSYCHOLOGY, RIGHT?
THAT'S PRETTY INTERESTING,
YOU DON'T EVEN CLAIM TO BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN A MACHINE.
IT'S LIKE I'M CHATTING WITH THE REAL KURISU

STOP GOING BACK TO THAT!!
MAHO, YOU REALLY HAVE TO FIX YOUR TONE...
YOUR WELL-DESERVED FIRST SPRING WILL RUN FROM YOU!
SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
IF IT WAS ALSO YOUR LAST SPRING, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?!
YOU GO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT FOUL MOUTH!
AS EXPECTED, SHE WON'T LOSE TO ANYBODY IN DUMB ANALOGIES

TODAY WAS FUN, OKABE!
LET'S MEET AGAIN.
NEXT TIME, TELL ME ABOUT CHRISTINA, OKAY?
.. I'LL CONSIDER IT.

HOW WAS IT?
QUITE INSIGHTFUL, THANK YOU.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THERE'S SOMEONE COMING TO DO AN INTERVIEW FOR A MAGAZINE LATER.
THAT'S NICE THEN...
...SO WHAT?
UUGH...
I'LL HAVE TO BOOT UP MY AMADEUS
THAT GIRL IS MUCH MORE COCKY THAN KURISU, AND I HATE BRATS LIKE HER.

WHY DID SHE TURN OUT LIKE THIS.
A BUG MAYBE?
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WHAT I SAW EARLIER WAS 100% YOU.
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?!
...NOPE.

KIRYUU
MOEKA!!

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SHE CAME TO THE FORUM FOR THAT INTERVIEW BEFORE
SORRY, I'LL HAVE TO GO TAKE THAT INTERVIEW NOW.
AH, SURE, I'LL HEAD HOME THEN.
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OH YEAH,
COULD YOU SHOW ME AROUND AKIHABARA NEXT TIME?
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
SURE.
JUST CONTACT ME WHENEVER IT SUITS YOU.

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SEE YOU AROUND, OKABE!
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY THEN
YEAH,
LATER ..

WHO
IS THAT WOMAN A FRIEND OR FOE...?

TEMPUS EDAX RERUM

STEINS;GATE-
PANDORA OF ETERNAL RETURN

TRANSLATION
READING STEINER

TYPESETTING
TARAGE

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